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Dear DOJ,

I've watched the case, with all its turns and events over the past months. Microsoft is indeed a huge monopoly with no one's best interest at heart beyond their own pocket books. As a technology professional with years of experience, some pre-dating microsoft, I can only say the the microsoft experience has been unsettling.

Microsoft not only destroys small upcoming companies with good ideas, it destroys good ideas. Microsoft constantly re-invents perfectly good wheels, making new wheels with a proprietary microsoft flavor. Left unchecked, they would destroy or subvert anything good in the software and OS world. Their bungled netowrking protocols and complicated OS and application interafaces, together with their over abundance of features bloat software and leave numerous security holes and exploitation opportunities that suck countless hours from offices around the country.

Microsoft needs to be broken up, forced apart into smaller, less monolithic sections that can't use their size to brutishly squelch good ideas that don't fit into their view of how to do things. Microsoft should especially be kept away from the Internet and anything to do with networking standards.

Do not fall for the argument that microsoft did a great thing bringing computers to the people. This "gift" was a sales pitch of the grandest proportion, and the gift is far more expensive than most people realize, until they have invested far more than they planned. Counting only the time lost to crashes and blue screens, americans and american corporations have lost millions upon millions of hours and dollars.

I urge you to seek the harshest of settlements for this case, microsoft is no friend of the people, and no friend to the computing industry.

Kindest regards,

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